गैर- षि स्नातकों का प्रतिशत क्रमश: 28.7 और 21.1 था ।

लिखित परीक्षाओं में षि को भी महत्व दिया जाता है, जिसमें एक प्रश्न-पत्र सामान्य षि से संबंधित होता है ।

**Demolition/regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi**

2247. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be plaesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration have started demolishing the constructions that were carried out in Delhi colonies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the people living in colonies have objected to the same since they are living in the said colonies since long; and

(c) what steps Government is taking for regularising unauthorised construction in various colonies in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The Local bodies having jurisdiction have to take action against unauthorised construction and encroachments. The performance of this duty by the Local Bodies is generally opposed by the people involved.

There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to regularise the unauthorised constructions in the various colonies of Delhi.

**Export of Niger Seeds**

2248. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government depend on imports of oil-seeds and edible oils to meet their demand in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for export of Niger seeds;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact Niger seeds oil is being used in Ayurvedic Medicines which are facing acute shortage of Niger seeds oil;

(d) if so, what efforts have been made by Government to make available the Niger seeds oil to the common people and Ayurvedic medicines manufacturing firms at reasonable rates; and

(e) whether Government would put a ban on the export of Niger seed due to its domestic demand?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) As a short term measure Government is importing edible oils, not oilseeds to partly meet the demand in the country.

(b) Niger seeds mostly grow in tribal-inhabitated areas. Some quantity of export of nigerseeds has been allowed. This will improve the marketability of the nigerseeds and in the process will ensure some economic benefits to the tribal people.

(c) to (e) Government is not aware that nigerseed oil is being used in Ayurvedic Medicines. Present availability and prices of nigerseed are reasonable and do not warrant a ban on the export of Niger seed.

**Increase in the rates of pensions to old men, women and destitute**

2249. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the rates of pension admissible to old women, men, widows, destitute women and children and to physically handicapped persons from the Social Welfare Department of the Punjab Government;

(b) since when these rates have been in force;

(c) whether it is a fact that representations were made from time to time to the Punjab Government to increase these rates at least to Rs. 100 p.m.; and